In this world,
there are
things that
simply have
me at a loss.

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OH, THIS IS UNUSUAL. SUMIYOSHI'S PRETTY DOWN.
SO, EVEN YOU HAVE SOME WORRIES, HUH?
WHAT HAPPENED?
I CONFESSED BUT I WASN'T BELIEVED.
GET OUT OF HERE!

I'M SORRY!
I LIKE YOU, SHIMOMOTO!
ABOUT?
Sits up!
...YOU RE ALSO OKAY WITH GUYS-
YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG! IT'S NOT THAT I'D BE ALRIGHT WITH JUST ANY GUY WHO CONFESSES!

I REALIZED IT NOW...!
I REALLY DO LIKE YOU
...
...
I'M SORRY BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO!
YOU MADE SOME BIG LEAPS IN LOGIC THERE, DIDN'T YOU!?
WHY ARE WE DOING THAT!?
EH!?
I GOT IT! LET'S GO OUT!

I'LL PROVE TO YOU I'M SERIOUS WHILE WE'RE GOING OUT!
BUT YOU LIKE ME TOO, RIGHT?
SO LET'S JUST LEAVE THE DIFFICULT MATTER BE
ALRIGHT!?
GRIP
HE LOOKED LIKE, THAT DEEP DOWN, HE DIDN'T ACTUALLY BELIEVE ME.
I guess that's normal.
OKAY

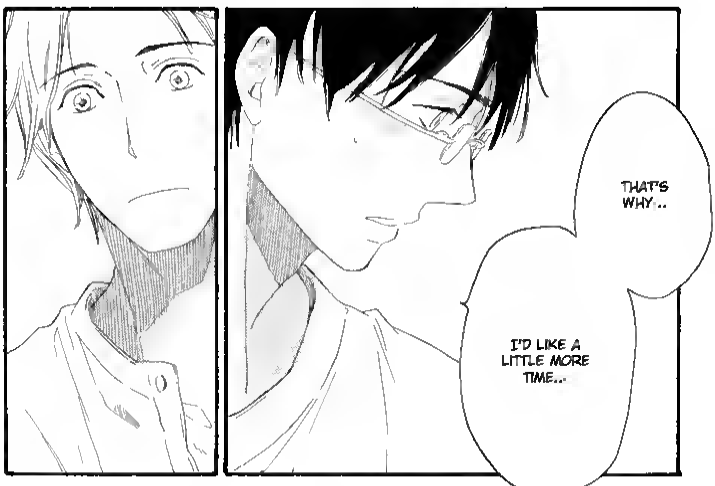
All that time, he
AFTER ALL, HE DOES KNOW ALL ABOUT MY HISTORY WITH GIRLS SO
OF COURSE HE WON'T BE ABLE TO BELIEVE ME RIGHT AWAY
Times like this, having him as a childhood friend...
BUT
HE KNEW THAT AND STILL LIKES ME
During that time when I was going out with those girls
and breaking up with them, time and time again,
WOAH
HAVING SHINOMOTO AS MY PARTNER MAKES MY HEART BEAT SO FAST
This really is love...
Since I've learned of these feelings
I've wanted to show my love to Shinomoto, enough to make up for all that lost time
OENOH

Um... My total...
Yeah..
BUT FOR NOW, HOW DO I GET HIM TO BELIEVE ME.
BU-BUT!
YOU JUST SUDDENLY TOUCHED ME!
SHI-NOMOTO..?
LOVEY-!
I WANT TO BE ALL LOVEY-DOVEY WITH YOU
BUT WE'RE LOVERS NOW, AREN'T WE?
Pok holder
BU-, BUT GOING THROUGH THIS CHANGE ALL OF A SUDDEN IS.

...THAT'S
IF IT'S ALRIGHT, I'D LIKE US TO ACT THE SAME WAY WE'VE BEEN TILL NOW.

SHI—NOMOTO'S SO CUTE.
Ugh
LISTEN WHEN OTHERS TALK!!

NEVER IN MY WILDEST DREAMS HAVE I THOUGH WE'D BE GOING OUT.
I...I DO LIKE YOU, BUT-!
YOU'RE NOT HAPPY WHEN I TOUCH YOU? EVEN THOUGH YOU LIKE ME?


THAT'S WHY...
I'D LIKE A LITTLE MORE TIME...

Huh
. I UNDERSTAND. I'LL BEAR WITH IT.
YOU REALLY DON'T GET ALONG WITH HIM, HUH?
ENOUGH ABOUT MY BROTHER.
AND YASUTAKA-SAN SAYS YOU SHOULD GO HOME SOMETIME
That's what he says.
HE'S SO CUTE.
AH, THAT'S RIGHT. HERE'S THE STUFF AUNTIE ASKED ME TO GIVE TO YOU
HERE'S THE FOOD CONTAINER FROM BEFORE.
THANKS AS ALWAYS
You've really helped me out

ARE YOU STILL ASKING HIM TO DROP BY EISUKE'S PLACE?
BECAUSE YOU KNOW HOW HE HATES IT WHEN I SAY I'M GOING OVER.
MAYBE YOU SHOULD BE THE ONE TO GO THERE?
HE HATES IT EVEN MORE WHEN I GO.
AH!
YASUTAKA-SAN.
Welcome back.
OH, SHINO-KUN, GOOD EVENING.
HOW BOUT YOU, SHINO-KUN? GOT A GIRLFRIEND YET?
GIRL-!?
N, NO!!
AH!
WAIT. I'VE GOT SOME ORANGES THAT ARRIVED FROM THE PROVINCE
HOW'S EISUKE? IS HE DOING OKAY?
AH, YEAH.
Normally
IS THAT SO? YOU SHOULD ENJOY YOUTH MORE
It's not a 'girlfriend'
I didn't lie.

STEP
STEP
HERE. EAT IT WITH EVERYONE, OKAY?
...YOU'RE REALLY HELPING US OUT BY LOOKING AFTER EISUKE BUT
YOU SHOULD ALSO SPEND TIME FOR YOURSELF, ALRIGHT?
SHINOMOTO-
WANT TO GRAB LUNCH TOGETHER?
SURE BUT... WHAT ABOUT SHIMADA AND THE OTHERS?
NOT TODAY.
SAY HI TO YOUR MOTHER FOR ME

He might have acted to act like usual but
Shinomoto has actually changed a bit
THIS IS STILL CONSIDERED 'LIKE USUAL', RIGHT?
He doesn't criticize me so much and
and sometimes he'd look at me absent-mindedly
WHAT'S UP?
I BROUGHT THAT DVD WE WERE TALKING ABOUT LAST TIME!
HERE- I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU-
OH! THANKS!
Wa-!!
I REMEMBER THAT TIME WHEN WE'VE JUST MET
That kind of...
SUMI-YOSHI-KUN.

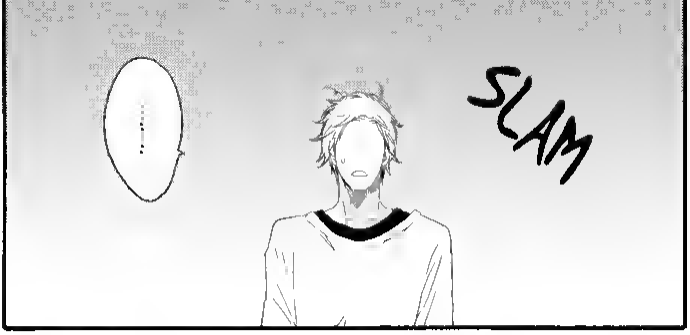
YOU'VE NEVER SEEN A LIVE YET, RIGHT, SHINOMOTO?
...YEAH THOUGH I LISTEN TO THEIR MUSIC
TREAT ME TO LUNCH NEXT TIME, ALRIGHT?
See you later
YEAH, YEAH.
IT'S LUCKY I KNOW PEOPLE WITH THE SAME INTERESTS.
...YEAH. GOOD FOR YOU.
I WANTED TO SEE THEM EVEN JUST ONCE, Y'KNOW
BUT THEY'RE OLD AND I DON'T SEE ANY OF THEIR DVD'S IN THE SHOPS ANYMORE...
ARE THESE ALL THE FOOD CONTAINERS?

OUCH!
Worrying...
BUT I CAN'T EVEN FLIRT WITH HIM A LITTLE
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN FORCED TO RESTRAIN MYSELF EVEN THOUGH I HAVE A LOVER
YUP.
I WANT TO KISS HIM...
HM? What's the matter?
I FELT A PRICKLING PAIN...
WHEN I WEAR THIS I GET A PRICKLING PAIN FROM TIME TO TIME.
MAYBE THE MATERIAL ISN'T VERY GOOD...

Tackle
WOAH!?
SHI-
NOMOTO!!
HUH!?
SORRY!
LET ME DO
IT ONCE!
EH,
WHA-
WHAT!?
BECAUSE
WE'RE
LOVERS, YOU
SEE...
THAT'S
TOO
SUDDEN...
DIDN'T YOU
SAY YOU'D
WAIT?
IF YOU LET
ME DO IT THEN
I CAN BEAR
WITH IT FOR A
LITTLE WHILE
MORE...
PLEASE!

IT'S FINE! IT'S FINE!
I DON'T MIND
YES!
HEY! WAIT!
.....
...A BATH OR A SHOWER...
...!
SHINOMOTO

FLOMP
WHA ..
SHI-
NOMOTO!?
...I'M
SORRY
!?

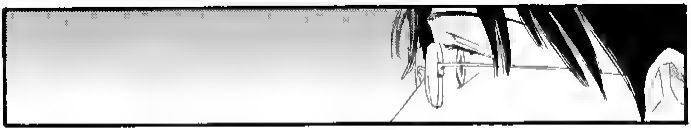

SLAM
.....

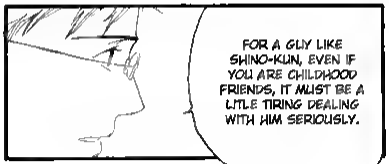
DING-DONG
YES COMING

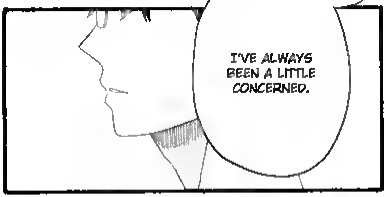
GOOD EVENING.
AH, SHINO-KUN
THANK YOU, AS ALWAYS.
...WHAT HAPPENED?

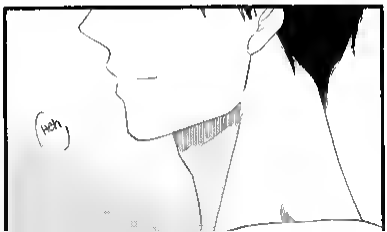
THANK YOU...
IS IT BISUKE'S FAULT?
THUNK
MOM'S NOT HOME RIGHT NOW.
YOU'VE BEEN ACTING STRANGE LATELY.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO KEEP LOOKING AFTER HIM, YOU KNOW?
IF THAT'S THE CASE, I CAN TALK TO MY MOTHER ABOUT IT.
AH, IT'S NOT THAT WE AREN'T GETTING ALONG...
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MY MOTHER NOTICES THOUGH.
...IS IT THAT OBVIOUS?
AH, SO IT REALLY IS THAT GUY'S FAULT?

BUT HANGING OUT WITH HIM MUST BE DIFFICULT, RIGHT?




FOR A GUY LIKE SHINO-KUN, EVEN IF YOU ARE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS, IT MUST BE A LITLE TIRING DEALING WITH HIM SERIOUSLY.


I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A LITTLE CONCERNED.


(Heh)

I'M HIS BROTHER SO I MIGHT BE BIASED BUT THAT GUY MIGHT LOOK LIKE HE HALF-HEARTEDLY JUST GOES WITH THE FLOW BUT
IT'S MORE LIKE THERE'S THIS SIDE OF HIM THAT'S JUST GIVEN UP ON SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING THINGS.
IT WASN'T A PROBLEM WHEN HE WAS A CHILD OR WHEN IT COMES TO HIS SHALLOW RELATIONSHIPS BUT

YASUTAKA-SAN
HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY KIND TO ME BUT
IS ACTUALLY PRETTY HARSH TOWARDS SUMIYOSHI, HUH?
WELL, I'M BEING KIND IN MY OWN WAY
AFTER ALL, YOU NEED STRICTNESS FOR GROWTH, RIGHT?
IT'S BECAUSE YOU SAY STUFF LIKE THAT THAT HE DISLIKES YOU!
...I'M FINE.
I THINK I UNDERSTAND THAT GUY'S PERSONALITY ANYWAY.
I KNOW HE'S TRYING HARD IN HIS OWN WAY.

...THE REST WILL BE UP TO ME.
Clatter
..WELL, IT'S FINE IF YOU'RE ALRIGHT BUT-
YEAH.
SORRY FOR WORRYING YOU!
--SO, WHAT DO YOU NEED TO TALK TO ME ABOUT?
SHUS
EH?
SAY HI TO AUNTIE FOR ME.
GOOD NIGHT.
...

GET OUT OF HERE!!
THE ONE I LIKE SHOVED ME AND RAN.
THAT'S BECAUSE DEEP DOWN I WAS SO SHOCKED AT YOU.
BESIDES EVEN AFTER WE BROKE UP YOU NEVER GOT ANGRY AT ME WHEN I CALLED YOU
I'M IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH ALL YOUR OTHER GIRLFRIENDS WHO THINK YOU'RE THE LOWEST OF THE LOW AS A MAN.
BECAUSE SHIMADA AND THE OTHERS DON'T WANT TO LISTEN TO ME AND
IN THE FIRST PLACE, IS THIS YOU NORMALLY CONSULT WITH YOUR EX-GIRLFRIEND!?
JUUJOU SEEMED LIKE THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO'D BE GOOD TO CONSULT WITH.
--SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK I SHOULD DO?
DON T JUST PASS IT OFF TO ME.
BUT USING YOUR FORMER GIRLFRIEND AS AN ADVISOR IS UNACCEPTABLE.
RIGHT ?
BUT SEEING YOU WORRYING ABOUT THE CONTINUANCE OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP, THAT'S A BIG DEVELOPMENT ON YOUR PART.
IT'S THIS PART OF YOU THAT SHOWS HOW INSENSITIVE YOU ARE
HUH? BUT WHY? WE'RE NORMAL FRIEND NOW, AREN'T WE?

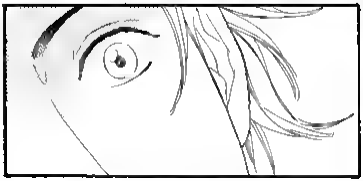
EVERYTHING JUST MAKES MY HEART BEAT SO FAST
...I'M LIKE A KID.
!!!
. THIS
IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE LIKED SOMEONE FIRST.
..CAN I HIT YOU? JUST ONCE. JUST ONE PUNCH.
Is that something you say to someone you used to go out with?
Hmm
could this be love...?
THE WORST!
YOU ARE THE ABSOLUTE WORST!!
BUT UPTIL NOW I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO CONVEY MY TRUE FEELINGS...
What should I do?
THUD
FIRST OFF, YOU NEED TO TELL HER YOUR TRUE FEELINGS INSTEAD OFF FOCUSING OF PHYSICAL RELATIONS.
SINCE YOU'RE STARTING NEW, YOU HAVE TO GET HER TO BELIEVE YOU
HMM-

HELLO, SHINOMOTO?
--HUH, ME?
I'M NOT IN RIGHT NOW.
AH, JUST A MINUTE.
PRRR
PRRR
PRRR
SORRY THERE'S AN EMERGENCY. IS IT ALRIGHT IF I LEAVE NOW?
I'M THE ONE WHO CALLED YOU OUT, I'M SORRY.
NAH-- IT'S FINE
I'M SORRY
Here, for the tea
EH! YOU'RE OUTSIDE MY PLACE?
NOW!?
UHM, JUST WAIT. I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
LISTEN TO MY STORY AGAIN, OKAY!
HUH, YOU'RE GONNA CONSULT WITH ME AGAIN!?
BYE!
--AH, GEEZ--

SHINOMOTO!
OH, DEAR.
IF YOU'D MESSAGED ME I COULD HAVE STAYED HOME...
AH--
IT'S FINE BUT...
SORRY, I HAVEN'T GOT ANYTHING TO OFFER YOU RIGHT NOW...
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
IT'S ALRIGHT
SORRY FOR THE SHORT NOTICE

IF YOU'RE STAYING...
MHPH!
POW
WHUMP
...!

...SHI-
NOMOTO?
I'M
SORRY
FOR
TAKING OFF
SUDDENLY
LAST TIME

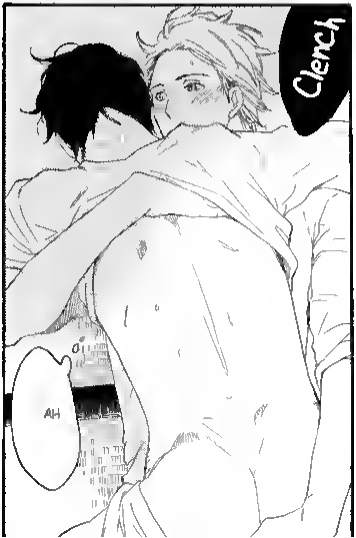


. TODAY
I TOOK A
BATH BEFORE
COMING HERE
SO...

...IS
IT AL-
RIGHT?
YES.

DO
AS YOU
LIKE...
NH

Shinomoto's hands are cold



IS HE NERVOUS. ?
How cute
Sits up
NGH-
...
PLOP
PLOP

SHI-
NOMOTO...
...AH
Shinomoto's bag
I thought
he'd run out
on me
again.
...Phew
DING-DONG
YES,
YES
Coming
OH,
IT'S JUST
YOU,
JUUJOU.
WHERE
DID YOU
GO
HUH?
WHAT'S
WITH THE
'OH, IT'S
JUST YOU'
REALLY,
YOU...
Waw...

AH, SORRY. I DIDN'T NOTICE.
YOU COULD HAVE JUST GIVEN IT TO ME AT SCHOOL.
IF I GAVE IT TO YOU AT SCHOOL I MIGHT RUN INTO YOUR GIRLFRIEND.
BUT NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, DROPPING BY AT YOUR PLACE MIGHT BE A WORSE IDEA...
SORRY. I HOPE I DON'T CAUSE A MISUNDER-STANDING.
AH, THEY'RE OUT RIGHT NOW. IT'S FINE.
WHAT'S UP?
YOU LEFT YOUR UMBRELLA YESTERDAY. I WAS IN THE AREA SO I THOUGHT I'D DROP IT OFF.
I SENT YOU A MESSAGE LAST NIGHT. DIDN'T YOU READ IT?
NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IT.
Jinjoo's so considerate.
IF MY BOY-FRIEND WERE LIKE YOU, I'D BE VERY WORRIED.
You don't look the type who's good at cover ups.
SO, WHAT HAPPENED WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
HM--
WELL,
IT WORKED OUT SOME-HOW.
DID IT GO ALRIGHT?

AND FOR SOME REASON I'VE BEEN ALLOWED SEX.
And we did it several times.
AH, I SEE--
So that's why you still look like that this late.
IF WE CONTINUE LIKE THIS, I'M HOPING I'LL GET THEM TO TRUST ME.
OPTIMISTICALLY SPEAKING--
BUT THANK GOODNESS
YOU'RE FINALLY OFF THE MARKET. THE LONGER YOU'RE NOT TIED DOWN THE MORE PITIFUL VICTIMS
Haha
HOW MEAN!

IT'S DIFFERENT THIS TIME. I'M SERIOUS THIS TIME
IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY TO BREAK UP OR SOMETHING